

DATE: September, 2003

TO: Authorized Representative/Food Service Director

FROM: Dean Flaws, Food Distribution Consultant

SUBJECT: General Commodity News Update

PLEASE ROUTE TO FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

1. **Peanut butter slices**, processed by Kennedy Foods had to be cancelled again for deliveries in October (4B). They are having problems with updating their processing equipment.
2. **The canned peas** scheduled for October (4B) deliveries have been delayed until November/December (4C) deliveries.
3. **Eastside Entrees** has agreed to lower prices on the cheese sauce pouches, macaroni and cheese, and cheese Quesadillas, effective October 1, 2003 for the rest of the school year. The following changes will need to be made on your "2003-04 Processed Commodity Value & Cost " sheets:

| <u>Iowa Code</u> | <u>Product</u> | <u>Comm. Value</u> | <u>Case Cost</u> | <u>Total Cost w/trans and storage</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| #2530 | Cheese Sauce pouches, 6/5# | \$10.36 | \$35.76 | \$37.43 |
| #2532 | Macaroni & cheese, 4/7.2# | \$5.53 | \$33.69 | \$35.36 |
| #2568 | Cheese Quesadilla, 112/4 oz. | \$11.02 | \$47.60 | \$49.27 |

4. Two other changes need to be made on the regular "Commodity Values 2003-04" sheet. They are:

| <u>Iowa Code</u> | <u>Product</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Net wgt.</u> | <u>Gross wgt.</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| #0306 | Cheese, Frz. Mozz | 8/6 lb. | 48 | 50 | \$61.33 |
| #1802 | Rice, L2 | 30/2 lb. | 60 | 62 | \$8.73 |

5. **ICN Workshop** on "Ordering Commodities by the Internet" will be held on Monday, Sept. 29, 2003. A registration form has been sent out to those schools who have not been using the web to order commodities. Plan on attending a site near you if you would like a step by step introduction of the ordering procedures. If you don't get a registration form or need further information call this office at 515-281-4751 or 515-281-4032.
6. Enclosed in this mailing you may find an commodity product interest survey. Sixty eight Iowa schools were selected to complete this preference survey. If you did receive a survey please complete it and return before December 1, 2003. Thank you in advance.

7. **October (4B)** deliveries are planned to begin the week of October 1. Nov./Dec.(4C) deliveries are being planned to begin on the week of November 17th.
8. As of this mailing, the strawberry X-Coolers and Smoothies ordered from the Tabatchnick Company, for October (4B) deliveries, are a go. This is just a heads up in case they need to be cancelled at the last moment. The company is having a hard time getting strawberries at a reasonable price. If you did order strawberry smoothies and/or strawberry X-coolers, but don't get them in October, that is why.
9. This is a reminder that schools who have contracts with storage facilities must review the facility annually, in compliance with Federal regulation 7 CFR Part 250.14(c). A storage review form may be obtained from this office. Be sure documentation is maintained on file at your school to reflect compliance with this requirement.
10. For those schools who do order over the Internet just a couple of reminders;
 - a.) Click **UPDATE** after you have put in your order numbers and need to leave the computer for any length of time. You can use update as often as you like.
 - b.) When finished putting in your numbers, click **UPDATE**. If it says "*updated successfully*" in **red**, it took. Now you click **CERTIFY** to send to Des Moines. It will say "*certified successfully*" in **red** if it went.
 - c.) The short time-out feature in this program has been causing problems for those that get interrupted alot while they are putting the order together. It throws you back to the ID screen when you click update and have been away from the order form too long. We're trying to get this computer feature lengthened time-wise.

Sincerely,

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